1		The Honorable S. KATE VAUGHAN
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10	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON	
11	AT SEA	TTLE
12	AMAZON.COM, INC., a Delaware	
13	corporation; AMAZON.COM SERVICES LLC, Delaware limited liability company;	NO. 2:22-cv-01216-SKV
14	and WORLD WRESTLING	DEFENDANTS QAISER, GUL, AND
15	ENTERTAINMENT INC., a Delaware corporation,	AMEN QUALITY GOODS LLC's ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES
16	Plaintiff,	AND COUNTERCLAIM
17	Tranitiri,	
18	VS.	
19	MEHMOOD QAISER, an individual;	
20	SHAHEEN GUL, an individual;	
	and AMEN QUALITY GOODS LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company,	
21	individually and collectively doing business	
22	as HOUSEOFSCOTLAND; an individual or entity doing business as	
23	HOUSEOFSCOTLAND;	
24	and DOES 1-10,	
25	Defendants.	
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ANSWER, AFFIRMATIVE <u>DEFENSES, AND COUNTERCLAIM</u> - 1

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Defendants, Mehmood Qaiser, Shaheen Gul, and Amen Quality Goods LLC (collectively referred to as "Defendants"), file their answer¹ and affirmative defenses, and, in support, states:

- Answering Defendants deny the allegations contained in paragraphs 10, 11, 14, 37, 42-44, 53, 56-57, 60, 63-65, 68-75, 79-84, 86-92, 94-97, 101 and 102 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 2. Answering Defendants deny knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1– 9, 12, 13, 18-36, 39 41, 45 52, 54, 55, 58, 61-62, 67, 77-78, and 100 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.
- 3. Answering Defendants deny knowledge or information to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in paragraphs 15-17, 38, and 99 of Plaintiffs' Complaint. except Answering Defendants admit that they reside in New Jersey; admit that Defendant Gul and Defendant Qaiser are spouses; admit that Amen Quality Goods LLC is owned, operated, managed, and controlled by Defendant Qaiser and Defendant Gul; and admit they a had BSA with Amazon, the terms of which speaks for itself.
- 4. Answering Defendants repeats all responses to the allegations reiterated in paragraphs 59, 66, 76, 85, 93, and 98 of Plaintiffs' Complaint.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES:

FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE WAIVER, ACQUIESENCE, ESTOPPEL, LACHES

¹ It should be noted that although the allegations seem to be against <u>all</u> Defendants, Defendants are only answering as to themselves and object to any and all assertions trying to group all Defendants into the alleged wrongdoings.

5. Each of the purported claims set forth in the Complaint is barred by the doctrines of waiver, acquiescence, laches and/or estoppel.

SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE NO WILLFULNESS

6. Without admitting any infringement, Answering Defendants have not willfully infringed any claim of the patents-in-suit, or any trademarks-in-suit.

THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE NO DAMAGE

7. Without admitting that the Complaint states a claim, there has been no damage in any amount, manner, or at all by reason of any act alleged against Answering Defendants in the Complaint, and the relief prayed for in the Complaint therefore cannot be granted.

FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE FAILURE TO MITIGATE DAMAGES

8. Plaintiff has failed to mitigate its damages, if any.

FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE DUPLICATIVE CLAIMS

9. Without admitting that the Complaint states a claim, any remedies are limited to the extent that there is sought an overlapping or duplicative recovery pursuant to the various claims for any alleged single wrong.

SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE NON-INFRINGEMENT

11. Answering Defendants did not infringe any applicable trademarks or patents under federal or state law.

SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE: CONCURRENT USE

12. The claims in the Complaint are barred, in whole or in part, by reason of other parties' use of any marks at issue.

EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE FAILURE TO STATE A CLAIM

13. Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

NINTHAFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE UNCLEAN HANDS

14. Plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands.

TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE INDISPENSABLE PARTY

15. Plaintiff's claims should be dismissed because an indispensable party has not been joined.

ADDITIONAL DEFENSES

17. Defendants reserve the right to assert additional defenses based on information obtained during the course of discovery.

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, the Defendants pray an Order be entered:

- (a) Dismissing each of the claims, and relief requested, in Plaintiffs'Complaint in its entirety;
- (b) Granting the Defendants costs, fees and expenses incurred defending this matter;
- (c) Granting the Defendants all further relief as deemed just and equitable.